

# America & Israel Defend Themselves Against Iran: An Advocacy Primer

Information to learn, know and share along with tangible advocacy items —  
from Greater Philadelphia ZOA:

This is a critical moment to step up (or newly participate in) advocacy and activism both for the truth and for the Jewish community. It is always preferable to engage in pro-active advocacy, and it is especially important to do it immediately with regard to Iran. We each must inform those we know and also refute the lies that incite even more Jew-hatred and anti-Israel rhetoric and actions.

President Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu have determined that it was time to put a stop to the Islamic Republic of Iran's deadly attacks against both nations and their citizens, and to prevent even deadlier such attacks.

**This is not the beginning of a new war or “starting” a war. Rather, it is an effort to end an ongoing war that the Iranians began in 1979. Nor did President Trump do so because of Israel or “the Jews.” The Jews, Israel or Netanyahu DID NOT “drag” America into a war, nor is America fighting (and Americans dying) for Israel.**

The most important aspects of such advocacy are to remind/inform others that:

- It is Iran that started a war against the United States beginning in 1979 when the regime attacked our embassy (sovereign U.S. territory) in Tehran, and then held 66 Americans hostage for 444 days.
- Iran has killed and wounded thousands of Americans – mostly men and women in uniform though not exclusively so. The most memorable of these individual attacks was the bombing of the Marine Corps barracks in Beirut in 1983 – 220 Marines and other personnel were murdered.
- There have been scores of other attacks, plus nearly every improvised explosive device used against Americans in Iraq and Afghanistan was manufactured in or designed by Iran. An exhaustive list of Iranian attacks against Americans can be found at <https://www.fdd.org/analysis/2025/06/19/iranian-and-iranian-backed-attacks-against-americans-1979-present/> Be sure also to see, save and use the images below!

## What you can do:

- ✓ Make sure the history of Iran's war against America – the accurate version – is taught in local schools (yes, as either a parent or grandparent of a student or as a concerned community member you can call officials at local schools!), and also be sure to convey the history to your kids and grandkids;
- ✓ Write and submit letters to the editor and op-eds in local publications;
- ✓ Make blog posts and social media posts about it;
- ✓ Call-in to local and national talk-radio;
- ✓ Phone the White House and your House member and both U.S. senators. Tell President Trump: Continue the effort to put an end to the Iranian regime and its tentacles. Finish what you have begun!;
- ✓ Send emails to your lists;
- ✓ Raise and discuss the subject with family, friends, neighbors and even strangers: “Did you know ... ?” is a great conversation-starter. Talk to people – even strangers. Remind them of the history of

Iran's attacks against and mass-murders of Americans. "Death to America," "Great satan," assassination plots against President Trump and other U.S. officials.

Whatever you do: Don't wait for others to create a false narrative, or wrongly "frame" what is happening with Iran today, or accuse the Trump administration of starting a war, or allow blame to be assigned to Israel and the Jewish People for whatever happens.

It is also important to phone the White House (202-456-1414) and local members of Congress <https://philly.zoa.org/join-zoa-philly/contacting-lawmakers/> to assert that Iran not be allowed to retain any nuclear enrichment, continue to fund its proxies (especially Hamas, Ansar Allah and Hezb'allah) nor continue missile development. Encourage others to make the calls as well throughout America.

## Images:



**Iranians attack and lay siege to the United States Embassy in Tehran in 1979, burning U.S. flags and taking dozens of Americans hostage in an unprovoked attack.**





**Some of the Americans who  
Iranians help hostage for 444  
days.**



**The aftermath of Iran's Hezb'allah's bombing of the U.S. Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon.**



**American Navy sailors captured and embarrassed by Iran in 2016.**